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NARCOTICS INTERNATIONAL VISITORS: TURKISH MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE AND PARTY OF TWO

REF: A) ANKARA 4033, B) ANKARA 4095, CL STATE 15357,
D) SAMUELSON/GIBSON TELECON 6/19

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HELD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
REGARDING SUBJECT VISIT, AND FORMAL INVITATION HAS BEEN
FORWARDED TO MFA. ALL THREE OFFICIALS INVOLVED HAVE
CONFIRMED THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM
AND ARE ARRANGING SCHEDULES ACCORDINGLY. AS PER REF D
TELECON, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE TO TRAVEL OUT OF COUNTRY
IN MID JULY WHICH WILL MAKE SHIFT OF DATES NECESSARY.
PRESENT DATES, ACCEPTABLE TO ALL INVOLVED HERE, CALL
FOR AUGUST 8 DEPARTURE FROM ANKARA. GENEVA AND NETHER
-LANDS VISITS WILL BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 11 WITH
PLANNED DEPARTURE FROM AMSTERDAM AUGUST 12 VIA LONDON
AND ARRIVAL WASHINGTON DULLES ON PANAM SAME DAY.
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AFTER WEEKEND REST SUGGEST ICA PLAN SCHEDULING
SESSION FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 14, IF POSSIBLE.

2. VISITORS UNDERSTAND NARCOTICS FOCUS OF VISIT,
AND EMBASSY BELIEVED TRIP WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
TO IMPRESS ON GOT POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS IN LOW KEY BUT
CLEAR MANNER ADVANTAGES OF OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION

PROGRAM MORE CLOSELY ATTUNED TO WORLD SUPPLY/DEMAND REQUIREMENTS. ALL THREE OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE ASSUMED CURRENT POSITIONS SINCE JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF IMPLICATIONS OF TURKISH OVERPRODUCTION PROBLEM.

3. GENEVA AND NETHERLANDS PORTIONS OF VISIT DIRECTLY RELATED TO OUR OBJECTIVES. DUTCH HAVE RESPONDED FAVORABLY AND HAVE OFFICIALLY WELCOMED VISITORS. THEY MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS OR OTHER COURTESIES TO OFFSET OUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE PER DIEM ASSISTANCE. EXPECT SENIOR DIOSYNTH OFFICIAL TO VISIT TURKEY PRIOR TO GROUP'S DEPARTURE. DUTCH EMBASSY HERE COOPERATING FULLY.

4. EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER SAMUELSON HAS DISCUSSED VISIT TO GENEVA WITH EMBLAD/DAY MISSION PRESENTLY IN TURKEY. BELIEVE GENEVA OBJECTIVES CAN BE MET DESPITE LIKELY ABSENCE OF SOME UN STAFF.

5. WE FEEL BOTH EUROPEAN STOPS CAN BE COORDINATED FROM ANKARA, AND REQUEST SAMUELSON BE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY GROUP ON THIS PORTION OF TRIP. CONFIDENT EMBASSY ESCORT/INTERPRETER OZDEMIR FULLY CAPABLE OF MANAGING GROUP DURING ENTIRE US STAY.

6. EMBASSY APPRECIATES USDA OFFER OF ASSISTANCE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING EXTENSION OF NORMAL COURTESIES TO MIN AGRICULTURE. EMBASSY BELIEVES DR. QUENTIN WEST, DR. QUENTIN JONES, EMBASSY AGATTACHE STERN (WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON) AND MIKE KURTZIG SHOULD BE KEY USDA OFFICERS INVOLVED IN VISIT. OTHERS PARTICIPATING SHOULD, IN OUR OPINION, BE WELL VERSED ON PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMS, ACREAGE CONTROL AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. BELIEVE BELTSVILLE, MD. IMPORTANT ELEMENT, AS IT CAN INCLUDE OBSERVATION OF OPIUM POPPY RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FACILITIES.

7. TENTATIVE PROGRAM OFFERED IN REF A STILL VALID. WOULD LIKE TO ADD OVERNIGHT STOP IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA. ALSO PROPOSE RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM NEW YORK EVENING AUGUST 28 FOR REVIEW OF PROGRAM AND DEPARTURE FROM DULLES AIRPORT AUGUST 30 FOR RETURN TO TURKEY. ADDITIONAL 1-2 DAYS MAY BE NEEDED, BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY AFTER PROGRAM UNDERWAY AND PRELIMINARY EVALUATION POSSIBLE. SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM CONTENT MADE REF A.

8. SUGGESTED PROGRAM WITH SLIGHT ADJUSTMENTS FOLLOWS:

AUGUST 8 1000 DEPART ANKARA; ARRIVE GENEVA
AUGUST 8-9 GENEVA
AUGUST 10 1000 DEPART GENEVA; ARRIVE AMSTERDAM
AUGUST 10-11 THE NETHERLANDS
AUGUST 12 DEPART AMSTERDAM; TO LONDON
AND WASHINGTON, D.C.
AUGUST 14-16 WASHINGTON, D.C.
ICA SCHEDULING
AUGUST 17 DEPART WASHINGTON; ARRIVE
ST. LOUIS
AUGUST 17-19 ST. LOUIS
AUGUST 19 DEPART ST. LOUIS; ARRIVE
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AUGUST 19-21 NEW ORLEANS
AUGUST 22 A.M. DEPART NEW ORLEANS; ARRIVE MIAMI
AUGUST 22-23 MIAMI
AUGUST 24 DEPART MIAMI; ARRIVE ORLANDO
AUGUST 25 A.M. DEPART ORLANDO; ARRIVE NY
AUGUST 25-28 (WEEKEND) NEW YORK
AUGUST 28 DEPART NY; ARRIVE WASHINGTON
AUGUST 29 WASHINGTON, D.C.
O/A AUGUST 30 DEPART WASHINGTON
(OPTION OF 1-2 ADDITIONAL
DAYS IN WASHINGTON AREA)

9. BIOS BEING FORWARDED BY PRIORITY AIRGRAM

10. ACTION REQUESTED: A) APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN DATES
INCLUDING NEW ICA SCHEDULING DATE OF AUGUST 14 AND B)
AUTHORIZATION FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER SAMUELSON TO
ACCOMPANY VISITORS TO GENEVA AND AMSTERDAM.
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